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Dear Willis,

Lyda asked me to write to you. I know you as Uncle Billy thru all the children. They have told me many stories of your kindnesses, for instance, taking Crimson and Hope to Hawaii after their father's death. Seth and Sadie as well have all expressed great admiration for your senisibilities, especially toward horses. All the children have thought that we were close in spirit as I lived in Bolinas for eight years and have been involved with coastal protection, wildlife, healthy food production, clean streams and forestry for many years.

I have enclosed a "mock up" of an issue of Whole Earth on the spritual labor of healing both planet and self. There is, for instance, a story about the rabbis trying to save the Headwater redwoods and another by Adrew Weil. I am presently editor of Whole Earth and have worked on the Catalogs and magazines for nearly a quarter of a century.

Whole Earth is in the midst of a hopefully temporary financial crisis. We have re-started after a two year absence from the newsstands. Until we recoup our readers, our income remains behind our expenses. As a non-profit, we will always rely (and have relied) on the generosity of the community that wants a voice (a conversation) that both loves the Earth and combines practical tools with cosmology.

We are looking for help to print, distribute the issue and pay our contributors. We hope to bridge our way to the holidays when subscriptions and renewals increase. We hope to maintain a flow that will allow us to prepare the next issue, while we wait for this issue to reach the widest possible audience.

We need about $100,000 to prepare the issue. We have received $40,000 to date. Unfortunately, because of the printing deadline and the upcoming holidays, we are also pressed for time. If you should feel that you would like to participate in producing this issue, we would be grateful. As a non-profit, all contributions can be tax free. We have promised to give away 2,000 copies to faith-based

conservation efforts and schools interested in religion and ecology. If you wish to help, we would be happy to donate a number of these issues to your group of choice.

Please feel free to telephone me or Lyda. If I am absent from the phone, leave a good time for me to respond. I hope someday to drive up with the younger Hadleys to see you.

Sincerely,

Peter Warshall